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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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The invention relates to a lifting device for raising the bonnet (20) of a motor vehicle during a collision with a pedestrian. Said device comprises a retaining member (10) for connecting the bonnet (20) to the vehicle bodywork (14) and a pyrotechnic explosive unit (16) for detaching the retaining member (10). To guarantee a reliable operation, said device is equipped with lifting means (18) for raising the bonnet (20) into a collision position, said means being actuated by the energy of the explosive unit (16), released during the detachment of the retaining member (10).